2017-2018 BUDGET QUESTION

Response to Request for Information

DEPARTMENT: Fire **REQUEST NO.:** 44

REQUESTED BY: Flannigan

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REQUEST: Regarding the \$3.5 million budget amendment for the Austin Fire Department (AFD), how many total overtime hours have been used year-to-date connected to this request? How many overtime hours year-to-date have been triggered by using leave time in the same pay period? What percentage of firefighters have used leave and overtime in the same pay period? What is the current amount of terminal pay for FY 2017?

RESPONSE: This question is in response to the Council Questions and Answers Report (Council Q&A) from the May 11 and 18 agendas.

The total overtime hours used year-to-date are 276,812 as of 4/29/17. The number of overtime hours year-to-date have been triggered by using leave time in the same pay period is estimated at 59,424 overtime hours triggered by using vacation as productive leave time. Approximately 62% of firefighters took vacation and worked overtime in the same 19-day pay cycle since January 2017. Lastly, the amount of terminal pay expenditures for FY 2017 is \$996,261 for AFD out of a budgeted \$1,254,992 (79.4%) through April 2017.

More details concerning overtime hours year-to-date that have been triggered by using leave time and the percentage of firefighters having used leave and overtime in the same pay period is also available at Council Budget Question No. 38, located here:

http://www.austintexas.gov/budget/cbq/index.cfm?action=pushFile&popup=true&FILE_ID=20 54C9D2CB